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Scramble for Freedom breaks records

Dan Scott, of Lee's Summit, has made the Scramble for Freedom Golf Tournament a family tradition. He originally heard about the tournament 11 years ago from his friend Phil Enloe.

"We went down and played in it and had a great time. Then the next year, I thought, this would be a neat deal to take my son and grandsons to," he said. The only problem was his grandsons were 7 and 10 at the time. He promised they knew golf etiquette and how to play, so the volunteer director allowed them to participate.

"They've been every year since. They've never missed a year and they are 21 and 18 now. It's a big deal for them and they always look forward to it," he said.

He loves the fact that the tournament benefits veterans, seeing how he, himself, is one. Dan was drafted into the Army at the age of 20. After basic training, he was assigned to Fort Polk for infantry training in 1967.

"Once I figured out where I was going, I got pretty serious about learning everything that I could," Dan said. "I went to NCO school because I didn't want to go over there and have somebody else tell me

what to do."

He was a platoon sergeant with the Americal Division, 198th Light Infantry Brigade, in Vietnam. They were stationed about 60 miles south of the DMZ.

During his time in Vietnam, he met Carl Crew and Calvin Day. Carl was from Maryland and Calvin was from Washington, D.C. They touched his life forever.

"Carl and I were very close. He was my first squad leader and we just hit it off. We intended when we got out to start a business together," Dan said.

Calvin was walking point the night their platoon was ambushed. Calvin lived until the next morning and died on Feb. 1, 1969, at the age of 20. Dan was sent home because shrapnel was embedded throughout his body. He nearly lost two of his fingers. Carl suffered minor injuries and was later sent back out to the field. Dan received the news the day he got out of the hospital that Carl had been killed on March 24, 1969, at the age of 21.

"Had I still been over there, I wouldn't be here today. Carl got killed doing something we would have been doing together," Dan said.



Dan Scott, in the black shirt, is pictured with his son, Michael Scott, and grandsons, Kyle Scott and Brett Scott. They have been playing in the tournament as a team for 10 years.

Both men are listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Dan pays his respect to these men who lost their lives by sponsoring a hole for them every year at the Scramble for Freedom. He also has his father, H.L. "Scotty" Scott on the sign because of his love and adoration of him.

More than \$12,500 was raised at this year's tournament – more than double of what was raised in the past.

"I was really speechless with this year's results. I did not realize we could do this well," said VAL President Marvin Neal. "We've been blessed. We

had the turnout of our good friends, some who have been with us since the tournament first began. We had a beautiful day and our golf committee did a tremendous job."

The support of corporate sponsors also played a key factor in the event's success. They included Starline Brass, Better KIX Country Radio, Blue Demon and Lamm Tech out of Sedalia, along with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 124 in Kansas City.

All proceeds from the event directly benefit Veterans at MVH- Warrensburg through quality of life services and programs.



The Men's Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5675 in Odessa held its third annual High on the Hog Poker Run on May 10. They raised \$4,400 and donated the money to the Veterans Assistance League at the Scramble for Freedom Golf Tournament on June 1. The money will enhance the lives of the 200 veterans who live at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg. Thank you for your support!



2014 RUN FOR FREEDOM

RUNNING FOR THOSE WHO NEVER RUN FROM A FIGHT
MISSOURI VETERANS HOME ~ WARRENSBURG

**5K - 10K
POKER WALK**
Register online at:
valrun.eventbrite.com



Saturday, Sept. 27th

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE PURCHASE
OF A NEW BUS FOR THE VETERANS



The Veterans Assistance League (VAL) will host this year's 12th Annual "Run for Freedom" 5K, 10K and Poker Walk on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 9 a.m. at Missouri Veterans Home~Warrensburg, 1300 Veterans Road.

This USATF certified event offers professional timing services, moisture wicking race shirts, medals for runners in 12 different age categories, cash prizes for overall winners, great door prizes and refreshments.

Registration is \$20 for the 5K, \$25 for the 10K, and \$15 for the Poker Walk. Online registration is available at valrun.eventbrite.com.

Sponsorship and additional information are also available by calling

Latisha Koetting, director of volunteer services, at 660-429-4661.

This year's proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new handi-capped-accessible bus for the 200 veterans who live at the home.



www.valwbg.org
(660) 429-4661

Thank you to our Veterans Assistance League board members:

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From the Office of the Administrator, Eric Endsley

I frequently find myself in front of Veterans, friends of Veterans, fellow health care administrators, lawmakers and others — and I have the opportunity to tell the story of MVH-Warrensburg.

When many organizations tell their stories they say they are committed to excellence, but they are missing some essential pieces. One would be the recognition by their stakeholders that their outcomes are indeed excellent, if they are even fortunate enough to have achieved excellence.

I am certain we all can think of multiple organizations that we deal with that provide what I call the “excellence lip service.” They tell us how great they are but for whatever reason their actions rarely match their words or reputation — talk about an integrity buster.

Even after my nearly fifteen years of service in the Missouri Veterans Commission, it continues to absolutely energize me when I start to tell our story and am pleasantly interrupted by someone who had, or knows someone who had, a great experience with our Home and just can’t wait to share it with me.

I often ask myself and my team how our outcomes could be improved and how can we better challenge ourselves at MVH-Warrensburg to find new or creative ways to honor and serve Veterans.

One of the greatest ways in which we respond to this challenge is to create an environment that reflects what Home means to our Veterans. In many of my articles I have discussed Veteran-Centered Care and the initiatives of the Veteran-Centered Committee to enhance the sense of Home. To that end, our changing philosophy has led us to make many changes; following, are just some of the ways by which we have expanded the sense of Home at MVH-W.

We have followed cutting-edge national research by de-medicalizing most of our diet restrictions — this has led to better meal consumption, increased satisfaction with food, and actually a decrease in negative diet-related health outcomes. We have also eliminated the disruptions of overhead paging and removed personal alarms and bed rails — this has led to a calmer, quieter environment for our Veterans and eliminated unintended negative outcomes associated with use. We continue to engage our communities to bring normal visits and activities like we would have in our homes or communities into the Veterans Home. Perhaps most importantly we have also shifted our culture from one that says “we can’t do that” to one that says, “we aren’t sure how we can do that, but as long as it’s legal, we’ll find a



way”.

Our journey on the path of excellence is never over and we will take detours and have accidents along the way. It is reassuring that in spite of our detours and accidents our stakeholders recognize that giving lip service is not something we do at MVH. Our actions really do match our words, and when we make a mistake, I expect us to own it and learn from it.

If any stakeholder would like more details about the operations of our Home, our regulatory compliance, aggregate satisfaction survey results, or our outcomes data, I encourage you contact a member of our leadership team, or me, and we’ll be happy to discuss the many ways in which we are source of pride for Missouri’s Veterans and our taxpayers, in addition to ways we are currently seeking to be even better.

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Laurie Elks selected as second group of the year



The Laurie Elks were selected as the second Group of the Year by the staff and veterans. They were unable to attend the volunteer banquet in March.

The Laurie Elks give a whole new meaning to the words “Over the river and through the woods to the Veterans Home we go!”

They will make the nearly 2 hour trip in any kind of weather including snow and ice. This group is such a strong supporter of veterans that they spend time not only at our home, but also at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James.

Our veterans know something good is coming when they step into our home. Sometimes it might be a huge pizza

party or homemade chili and hot dogs. Other times it could be something sweet like homemade cookies or ice cream.

Our veterans love this group because they are always upbeat and at times are kind of silly. They purchased a wonderful gift for us last year that veterans, staff, family and visitors enjoy each and every day.... a big screen TV in our front lobby that displays our monthly calendar. Thank you so much for all of the love and support you give the veterans and staff at our home.



Memorial and Honor Gifts



Please complete this form to make Memorial and Honor Gifts for the benefit of Veterans at Missouri Veterans Home-Warrensburg. You may designate a specific fund for your contribution below. Your donation helps ensure that our Nation’s Heroes continue to benefit from popular quality of life programs and services.

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ to the General Fund.

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ to the Employee Appreciation Fund.

Make checks payable to and mail to: Veterans Assistance League, 1300 Veterans Drive, Warrensburg, MO 64093
Or donate online at www.valwbg.org

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

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* Occasion will be noted in recipient’s acknowledgement card

Please let us know who we can inform of your generous gift:

Please provide your information below so we can send you a record of your gift.

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Veterans receive Quilts of Valor

Karen Slater, of Arizona, came to Missouri Veterans Home-Warrensburg, to honor four veterans with a Quilt of Valor.

Karen made all of the quilts herself and even presented a special one to her father who served in World War II.

Catherine Roberts is the Quilts of Valor founder. In 2004, she went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center with a quilt that she hoped would help heal a soldier. Her son was a soldier who was deployed in Iraq at that time. The wife of an Army chaplain helped make sure the quilt got into the hands of a soldier. Since then, more than 100,000 men and women who served in the military have received a quilt.

People can donate fabric or cash to their local quilters who participate in Quilts of Valor program or those who sew can make quilts and personally give them to wounded veterans. Cash donations may also be made to www.qovf.org.



Leland Mueller, right, is pictured with his family at the Quilts of Valor ceremony on June 16. He was wounded by incoming Japanese artillery in World War II.

Leland Mueller was a member of the “Greatest Generation.” He was inducted into the Army on Sept. 9, 1942. He was trained to be an anti-tank gunner with the 34th Infantry, 24th Division. His unit left Oahu, Hawaii, for the South Pacific on Oct. 2, 1942. It took 10 days to arrive to their destination. He saw battle in New Guinea, Luzon, Corregidor and Luzon. He received the Combat Infantryman Badge on April 24, 1944, and the Purple Heart.

He was wounded by incoming Japanese artillery on May 22, 1945. According to his nephew, Larry Hardison, he shared this story with him.

While making a beach landing, the men and two anti-tank guns being pulled by jeeps, one of which Leland commanded, came under heavy machine gun fire from a gun position in a cave located above the beach. One anti-tank gun was destroyed and the men were taking heavy casualties.

Leland trained aimed his anti-tank gun at the enemy and fired one round, taking their gun out of action. He was awarded the Silver Star for displaying gallantry above and beyond the call of duty on June 5, 1945. He returned to the United States via the Panama Canal for recuperation. He spent a lot of time in military hospitals in Oklahoma City, Denver and Springfield, Mo. He was honorably discharged on Feb. 21, 1947.

After his military service, he returned to the Sweet Springs area, his life-time home, and married Mary Ann Kuecker. He worked at Kroeneke Service Station, which was located at the intersection of U.S. 40 and State Route 127. He lived his entire life on a 75-acre farm about 10 miles northeast of Sweet Springs near the Blend Pony Wildlife Refuge. It was part of the original Smith farm that he purchased from his mother. He was a life-time member of the American Legion Post.



KENNETH JONES

Kenneth Jones graduated from East Prairie High School in 1954. He served in the Air Force from 1954 until 1976.

He was a C-130 Standardization and Evaluation Flight Examiner for C-130 Flight engineers and flew numerous special and classified missions during his three tours of duty in Vietnam. The highest rank he achieved was master sergeant.

He earned between 15-20 medals for his service including the Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Commendation Medal and several Vietnam Campaign Medals.

The highest award he received was the Distinguished Flying Cross. This is awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United States Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achieve-

ment while participating in an aerial flight. This is America's oldest military aviation award.

On June 18, 1955 he was united in marriage to Jo Carol Alexander in Wichita Falls, Texas.

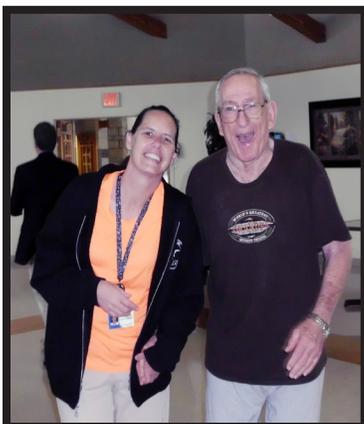
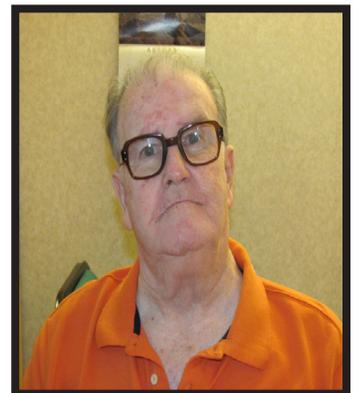
They made their home in Trenton, N.J., for several years, then Fairbanks, Alaska before settling in Albuquerque for 30 years, and then retiring to Warsaw in 2003.

Kenneth was a realtor and real estate appraiser for over 35 years. He enjoyed bowling when he was younger, but spent much of his time active in the church and enjoyed traveling to Branson and finding a new restaurant or spicy Mexican food along his travels.

He passed away on May 27, 2014, at the age of 79.



Pictured above, Kenneth Jones' family accepts a quilt of valor in his honor. From left are his son-in-law, Herbert Robertson; his wife, Carol Jones; and his daughter, Kimberley Robertson. He is pictured on the right.



In May, students from the University of Central Missouri hosted a Senior Prom for our Veterans.

Pictured left, Admissions Coordinator Christine Hood puts a smile on the face of Veteran Elmer Miesner.

Pictured right, Veteran Leslie Daugherty shows a college student the proper way to boogie.



Bob Clawson didn't blink when he was drafted into the Army at the age of 18. He trained with the artillery in California, Oklahoma and New York. He boarded a ship to England with 13,000 men onboard.

"I had never been on a ship before. We ate oatmeal for 13 days. I don't eat oatmeal now," Clawson said. "Then we'd stand in line about half of a day waiting for a candy bar. That completed our day on the ship."

When the men landed in England, it was right around Thanksgiving.

"We were allowed one bucket of coal at night and slept in little houses. When you went to bed, you put all of your clothes on to keep warm. We got up that morning and you could smell the turkey," he said.

The turkeys had been shipped frozen and weren't dressed. The cooks thawed them out at the camp. Growing up on a farm, Clawson knew the turkey wasn't prepared correctly because he could smell it. The men who dove into it laid crying in pain all night from the bad meat.

Clawson was part of the 408th Field Artillery, attached to the 9th Army. He was the artillery electronic man. His job was to lay and man the telephone line from the 105-mm Howitzers to the front lines of the infantry.

"When the infantry would

get in trouble, they would call the artillery for support," he said.

He had a three-man team. "Sometimes we would get those lines laid and here would come a bunch of tanks and they'd run over those lines and chew them up. Then we'd have to redo them," he said.

The infantry had trouble getting across the rivers because the bridges had been destroyed. They sat in one spot for two weeks. The men dug holes to sleep in at night and covered it with brush and tarps. Clawson recalled that his bunch had a coffee pot they would put in their hole. They'd go out on the line and then come back for some coffee. One night, their coffee pot caught their hole on fire because it had been on so long.

"That's when we really started getting 180s in our pockets. Those Germans were firing on us," he said.

Finally, they were able to get across the river and were sent to the Battle of the Bulge.

"That's when the Germans beared down on us," he said. "At the Battle of the Bulge, you felt yourself losing because you felt yourself not being able to hold. You thought you were going to get killed."

The first night out, Clawson and his men were told to stop all transportation that attempted to come



Bob Clawson is pictured with his family.

through. Clawson was on guard as a truck approached him. He stopped the G.I. to ask what he was carrying. He told him to take a look.

"I looked in the back of that and stacked like wood were dead soldiers. All you could see were frozen boots," he said.

Clawson got a sinking feeling in his stomach and returned to his post. They were surrounded by the enemy and the snow was at least 6 to 8 inches deep.

"We were getting beat. Patton came up to support us. If it hadn't been for him and his group, we'd have been dead potatoes. But we got out," he said.

He returned to France and they were told they might have to go to Japan. He was assigned

to a POW camp along the coast that had about 20,000 German prisoners. Clawson helped sort the prisoners by their hometowns. They stayed in little huts, before they were loaded into boxcars and shipped back to their homes. The Polish were hired by the government to guard the Germans. They didn't like the Germans at all.

Finally, the day came when the captain called Clawson into the office. He told him if he signed up for 90 more days, he would give him a staff sergeant rating.

"Captain, thank you a lot for the offer, but for your answer to that, I wouldn't take a 100 points now to get out of here, I'm going home!" he said. He served a total of four years and most of those were spent in battle.

IRVIN BRABANT

Irvin Brabant wanted to enlist in the Navy at the age of 17, but his mother wouldn't let him. She thought he was too young. Eventually, the Army decided they wanted him and called his number for the draft. He lived in Milwaukee and was sent to Chicago for processing. He did his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood with the 75th Division. Initially, he was a cook but that all changed when he was sent overseas.

He took a ship from New York to England. To keep out of harm's way the ship zig-zagged the entire time. He was then sent to Southern France and was part of Gen. Patton's 3rd Army.

"When I arrived in France, they gave me a rifle and I became a rifleman. Then all of a sudden, they gave me a machine gun – a .50 caliber. Now I was an ammo barrier for a machine gun," Brabant said. "Eventually, the machine gunners got wounded and you stepped up." He later became a machine gunner by default. He started in Southern France and worked his way up to the Maginot Line near Germany.

When he was the ammunition man, he made an almost lethal mistake. Their mission was to take over a city.

"All of a sudden, we heard the Germans and I thought they were close. I dropped down and I put the two ammo cases right in front of me. I wanted them for protection," he said. The thing is had they been hit, Brabant wouldn't be here today.

He was wounded the first time a few weeks after he arrived. He was shot in the right leg.

"They got me all cured up and sent me back to the front lines and THAT'S when you're scared," he said. "Then all of a sudden, they called Patton's troops down south of France and they headed them for the Battle of the Bulge. I was in the Battle of the Bulge for I don't know how long."

It was extremely cold and sometimes the men didn't even have a blanket to keep them warm. One of the hardest parts was knowing that none of the soldiers really wanted to fight. They were just doing what they were told to do.



Irvin Brabant, right, is pictured with his wife, Mary, his daughter-in-law, Sue Brabant; and his daughter, Marge Button.

"I didn't hate the Germans. Why didn't they just take one man, Hitler, and kill him?" he said.

He was wounded for the second time in the Battle of the Bulge when he was hit by a tree burst. That's when a mortar goes up into the air, hits the trees and shatters them to the ground.

"I laid wounded in a hole with my sciatic nerve cut and two holes in my bladder for 24 hours before anyone picked me up. That's about all I remember," he said. "Sometimes, you wished you were dead. To me, it was that bad."

Though he served in the Army for three years, he spent a year and a half in the hospital. After his second injury, he was sent to O'Reilly General Army Hospital in Springfield, Mo. He met a red-headed lieutenant who was an Army nurse who took care of him. She became the love of his life.

"We weren't supposed to go together because she would be fined \$75 if we got caught – a corporal and a lieutenant," he said. "She found a little nitch in the thing where she was able to wear sporting outfits outside the barracks and that's how we got out. Then we'd meet at the show."

They have been married for 69 years now. The one thing he really likes now is when people unexpectedly come up and thank him for his service.

Final Salute

Remembering Our Fallen Heroes



Michael Harrington

Sept. 8, 1938, to April 4, 2014



Kenneth Jones

April 3, 1935, to May 27, 2014



Bill Ream

Sept. 13, 1923, to April 7, 2014



Dale Cook

Aug. 2, 1919, to June 1, 2014



Clifford "Tony" King

May 11, 1935, to April 22, 2014



William Watson

Dec. 11, 1930, to June 9, 2014



Samuel Thaut

June 3, 1923, to May 3, 2014



Johnny Wiss

April 20, 1933, to June 10, 2014



Harlan Gieseke

Nov. 25, 1932, to May 4, 2014



Charles Forbes

Aug. 2, 1942, to June 13, 2014



Calvin Southard

March 15, 1935, to May 4, 2014



William Dick

Feb. 21, 1927, to June 14, 2014



Dorvin "DJ" Green

Feb. 12, 1938, to May 6, 2014



Elmer "Lee" Carrell

June 12, 1932, to June 17, 2014



Jerry Inman

Oct. 8, 1934, to May 17, 2014



Samuel Briscoe

March 2, 1924, to June 25, 2014



Dean Williamson

Aug. 12, 1920, to May 18, 2014



Bertha "BJ" Hardison

July 26, 1935, to July 4, 2014



Special events

September

Family Day

Sept. 13, Missouri Veterans Home.

Run for Freedom 5K, 10K and Poker Walk

8 a.m. registration,
9 a.m. race starts,
Sept. 27, Missouri Veterans Home.

Mark Your Calendars

Alzheimer's Support Group

10 a.m. Wednesday,
Aug. 13, Sept. 10 and
Oct. 8 and Nov. 12.

Quarterly Family Council

2:30 p.m. Oct. 25

Summer Birthdays



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Riley Self
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Clinton Hodges
Harold Arensmeier
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Harold Blitsch
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Jackie Eiserer
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Ernest May
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Emmett Altis
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Robert Clawson
Kenneth Kreisel
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Mary Lou Collette
George Rea

Harold Jones
John Jones
Carl Pragman
Robert Cunningham
Jason Sheeks
John Lillis III
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Veteran's Name
c/o Missouri Veterans Home
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Warrensburg, MO 64093

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On behalf of the West Central Veterans Assistance League and the Heroes we serve, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all of the donations we receive. The following list (alphabetic) includes donations received **January through March 2014. All donations go directly to Veteran programs.**

Please accept our apology if you and/or your organization have unintentionally been left off this list.

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 VFW Memorial Post Men's Auxiliary 5675, Odessa
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR 200 VETERANS!



Our Home celebrated Easter in style with a massive egg hunt and visit by the Easter Bunny. Pictured above is Veteran Donald Kiefer and his family. Below are Veterans Alice and Harvey Moore with Glenda Wilcox, Social Worker.



Welcome our new Neighbors
 (April through June)

Highland Park

William Bennett
 Chester Jones
 Raymond Manking
 Leroy Braun

Sleepy Hollow

Tadeusz Salecki
 Mark Regits
 James Mullins

Whispering Hills

John Hall
 Arthur Hopfinger
 Samuel Russell

Pleasant Valley

Robert Penfield
 James Gertz
 Francis Hartley
 James Jones

Army	95	Air Force	42
Army Women	2	Air Force Women	1
Navy	42	Marines	11
Navy Women	1	Coast Guard	3

Current Census



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Honor Roll of Donors: Material donations

On behalf of the West Central Veterans Association and the Heroes we serve, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all of the donations received. The following list includes donations received April through June 2014. For donations of material items, please call Latisha Koetting, director of volunteer services, at 660-429-4661 to ensure there is a current need for the item or to request a list of current items on the Veteran "Wish List."

Please accept our apology if you and/or your organization have unintentionally been left off this list.

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Koetting receives special award from Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder



Missouri Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder, left, presents a declaration to Latisha Koetting, director of volunteer services at MVH-Warrensburg.

Missouri Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder presented Veterans Service Awards to 26 Missouri veterans who provide exemplary volunteer service to their communities in April.

Latisha Koetting, director of volunteer services at MVH-Warrensburg, received a special award as someone who has spent most of her adult life advocating for veterans.

As a writer and reporter for 17 years at the Sedalia Democrat, Koetting advocated for veteran legacy projects, introducing and producing the popular "Veterans Page, which documented the stories of more than 300 local veterans. In August 2013, she became the director of volunteer services at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg, where she serves a key advisory role on the Veterans Assistance League Board of Directors.

"Anyone who knows Latisha will tell you she truly has a heart for veterans," Kinder said. "She consistently goes above and beyond on behalf of veterans, volunteering to help plan a variety of veterans' special events and community initiatives. She literally has devoted her life to serving and advocating for veterans and their families."



Flight A winners: Pictured from left are Mindy Coyle, Marvin Neal, VAL president; George Bullard, Rex Smarr and Brent Bullard.



Flight C winners: From left, Marvin Neal, VAL president, and Bryant Hackworth, representing Team Fox Heating and Cooling. Not pictured are Steve Fox, Larry Yung and Scott Markworth.



Flight B: From left, Team Bi-Lo, Tommy Fatka, Richard Schnakenberg, Marvin Neal, VAL president, Lou Sharp and Bob Martinez. This team decided to donate their winnings back to the Home.



From left, Kevin Klobe and Gregory Tolmoff had a fun day golfing with Gregory's sons, Max and Zander. Both men sponsored golf carts in honor of their fathers.



Pictured, from left, are Sedalia golfers Gary Noland and Marion Lucas as they take off on the golf course. Noland won the raffle and Lucas won the closest to the pin.



The golfers definitely came to play as all three flights had ties. The determining factor in Flights A and B was a birdie on the 10th hole and with Flight C it was a birdie on the 12th hole.



Veteran Wayne “Shortie” Lefler banters with a penguin on a recreational outing to the Kansas City Zoo taken early this summer.

Below are some items requested by the Veterans Assistance League. If donating, make checks payable to Veterans Assistance League, 1300 Veterans Road, Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Your support is appreciated!

General Fund:

- * Special needs and requests by Veterans.
- * Ongoing Veteran programs such as: free soft-serve ice cream (over \$5,000 yearly), postage stamps, local bus transportation, and special dinners.

Recreation & Activities Fund:

- * Special entertainment and outings.
- * Our veterans love Chester’s flavored puffcorn for snacks at happy hour. All varieties are welcome.
- * Sponsor \$25 in prizes for an additional monthly Bingo.
- * Sponsor \$100 in prizes for monthly “Price is Right.”

Employee Appreciation Fund:

- * Employee of the Month & Employee of the Year \$25 cash award.
- * Modest gifts for exceptional employee performance.
- * Inexpensive door prizes & snacks for monthly meetings.



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